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Letter dated 26 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, which were recorded on 11 March 1998.

On that day, at 0933 hours, one Turkish Air Force C-130 entered the Nicosia flight information region from a northern direction, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the Cape of Apostle Andreas and exiting at 1035 hours in a south-eastern direction.

Also on the same day, at 1437 hours, the same aircraft violated anew the national airspace of the Republic, entering the flight information region from a southern direction flying, once again, over the area of the Cape of Apostle Andreas and then exiting at 1512 hours towards the Ankara flight information region.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest against the new violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of the Charter of the United Nations, the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus as well as the regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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